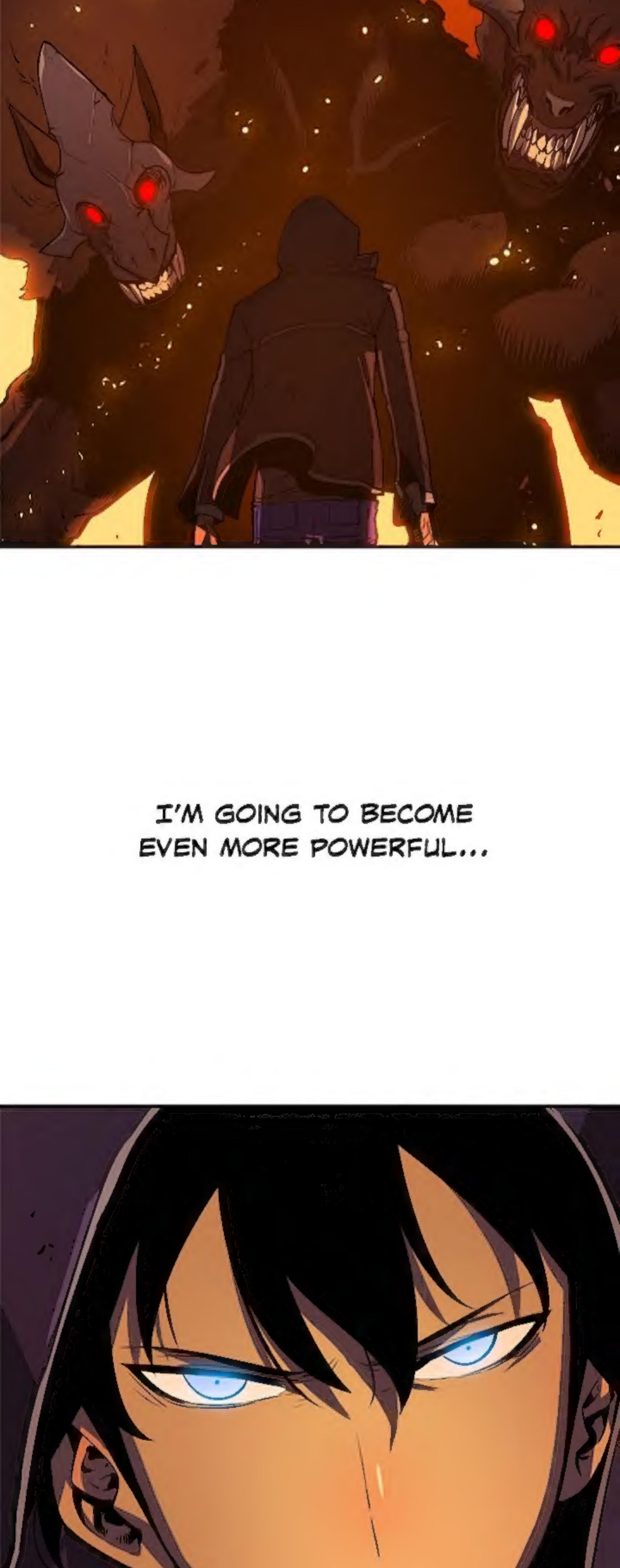


IF I GIVE UP JUST BECAUSE
I'M SCARED, I WON'T BECOME
ANY STRONGER.

[THE GATEKEEPER OF HELL, CERBERUS]



I'M GOING TO BECOME
EVEN MORE POWERFUL...

I CAN'T
LET MYSELF DIE
HERE.

...AND LEVEL UP!

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THE KEY THAT

ALLOWS ENTRY

INTO THE DEMONS'

CASTLE.

THIS ITEM'S LEVEL
OF DIFFICULTY IS
S-RANK!



IF THE ITEM'S LEVEL
IS EQUIVALENT TO THAT
OF THE DUNGEON'S
RANK, THAT MEANS MY
CHANCE OF SURVIVAL
IS VERY LOW.

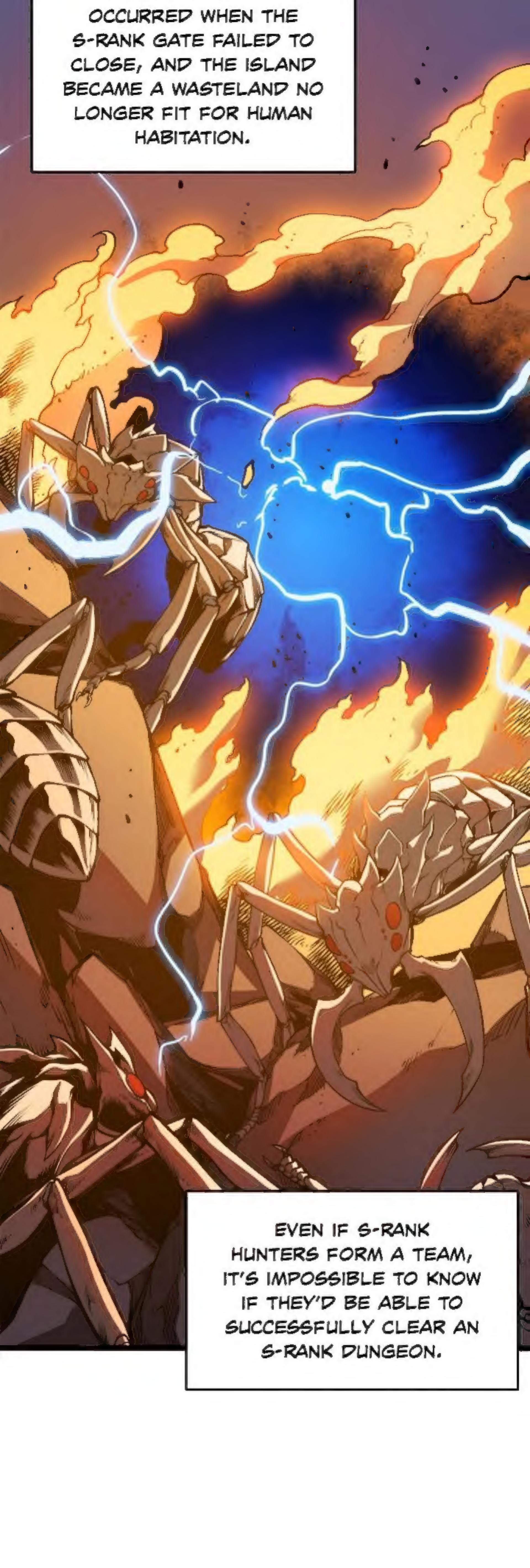
THE SMART THING TO DO
WOULD'VE BEEN TO FOCUS
ON LEVELING UP AS MUCH AS
POSSIBLE, BEFORE CHOOSING
THE RIGHT MOMENT TO ENTER
THIS DUNGEON.

AFTER
B-RANK, GATES
GET EXPONENTIALLY
MORE DIFFICULT...

WHICH IS WHY ON
A WORLDWIDE SCALE,
S-RANK GATES HAVE ONLY
EVER OPENED ON A FEW
RARE OCCASIONS.

ONE OF THEM WAS
ON JEJU ISLAND.

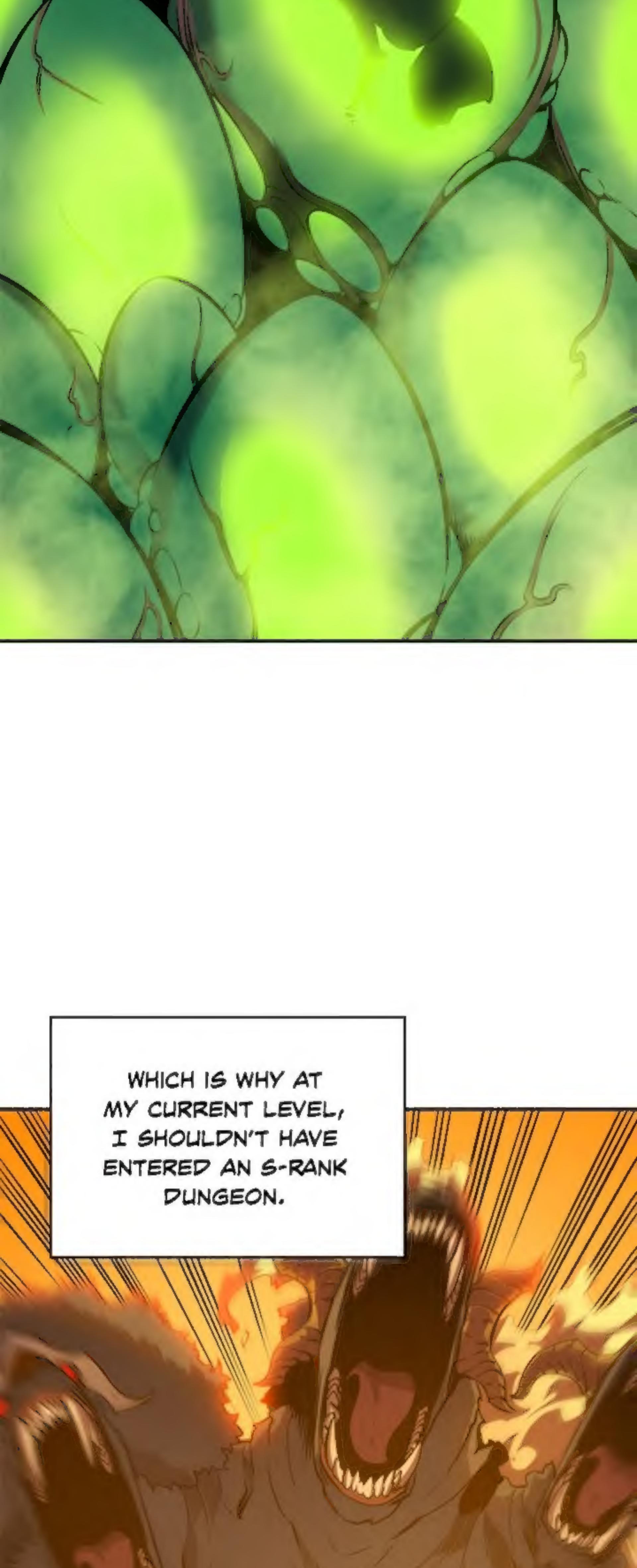
A DUNGEON BREAK



OCCURRED WHEN THE S-RANK GATE FAILED TO CLOSE, AND THE ISLAND BECAME A WASTELAND NO LONGER FIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION.

EVEN IF S-RANK HUNTERS FORM A TEAM, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO KNOW IF THEY'D BE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY CLEAR AN S-RANK DUNGEON.

EVEN ON A NATIONAL LEVEL, IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO CONTROL THESE S-RANK GATES WITH THE HUNTERS THAT ARE CURRENTLY DEPLOYABLE.

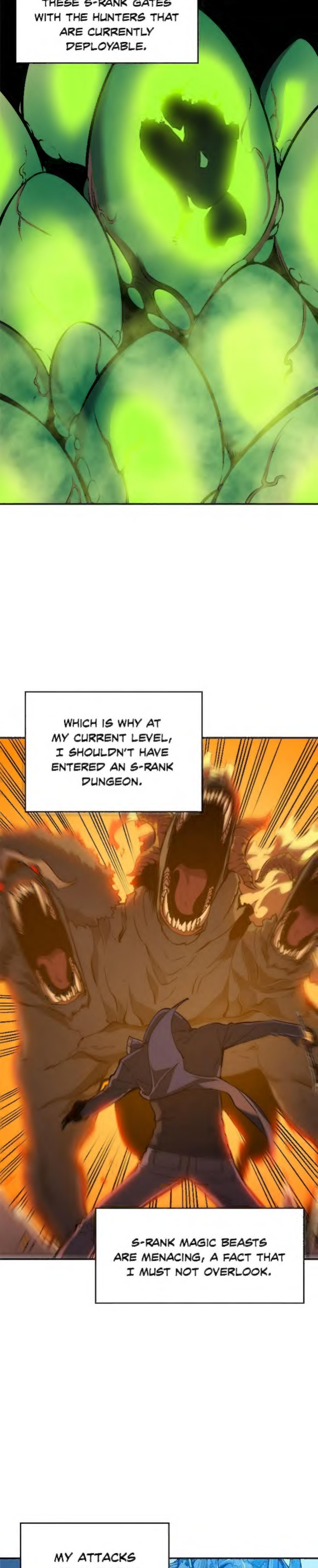


WHICH IS WHY AT MY CURRENT LEVEL, I SHOULDN'T HAVE ENTERED AN S-RANK DUNGEON.



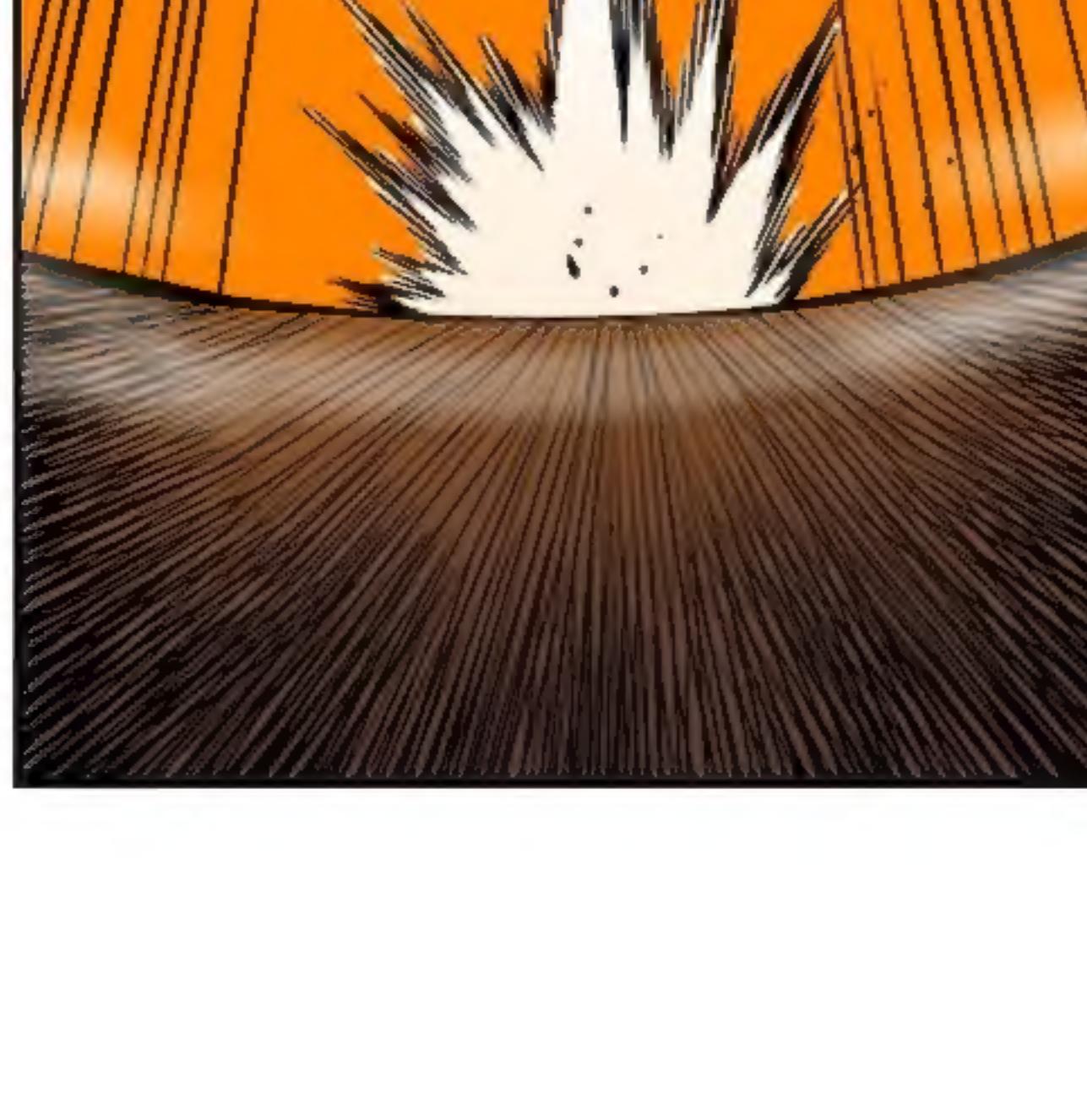
S-RANK MAGIC BEASTS ARE MENACING, A FACT THAT I MUST NOT OVERLOOK.

MY ATTACKS WON'T BREAK THROUGH THEIR DEFENSES...





...AND THEY'RE
STRONG ENOUGH
TO INSTAKILL.



JUMP



I ENTERED TO
SIMPLY FIND OUT...

...WHETHER OR NOT
MY CURRENT ATTACKS
WOULD WORK ON SUCH
DEADLY MONSTERS.

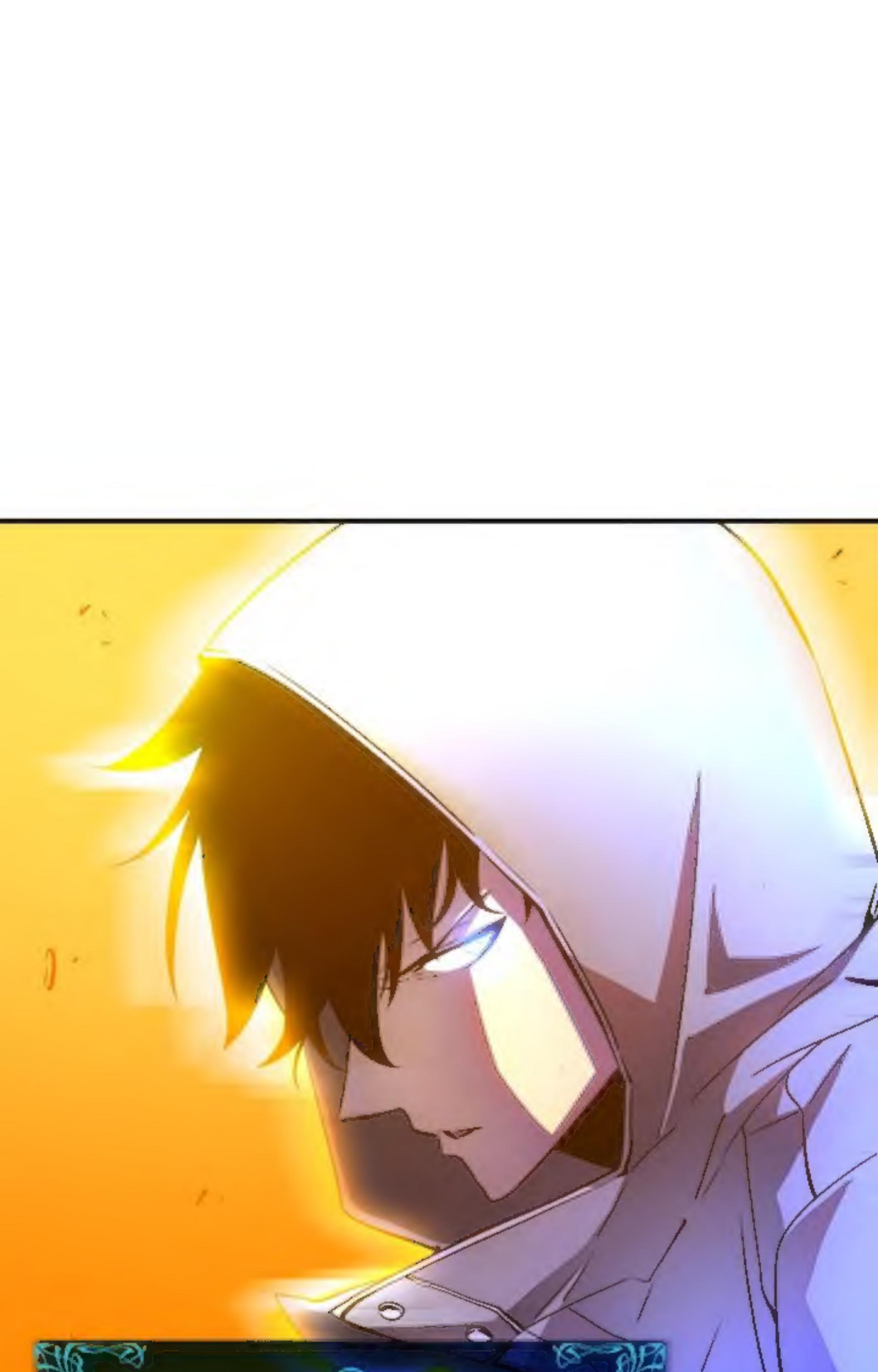


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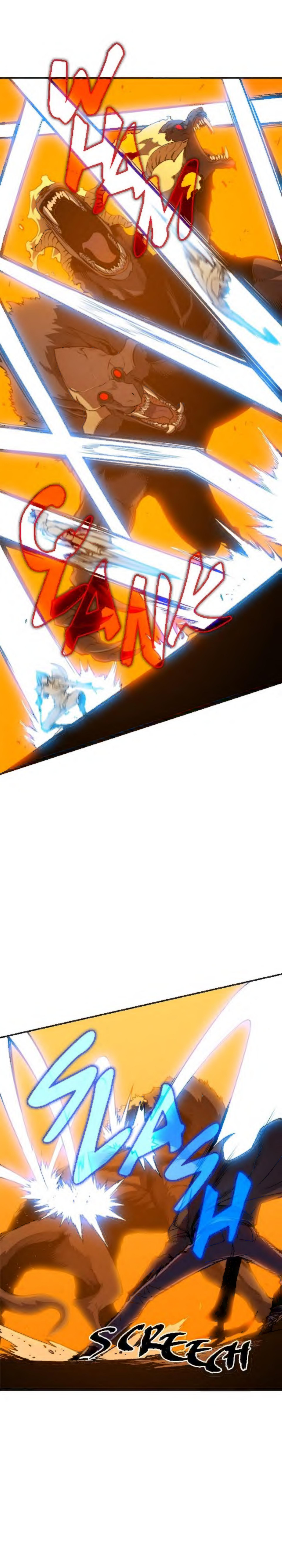
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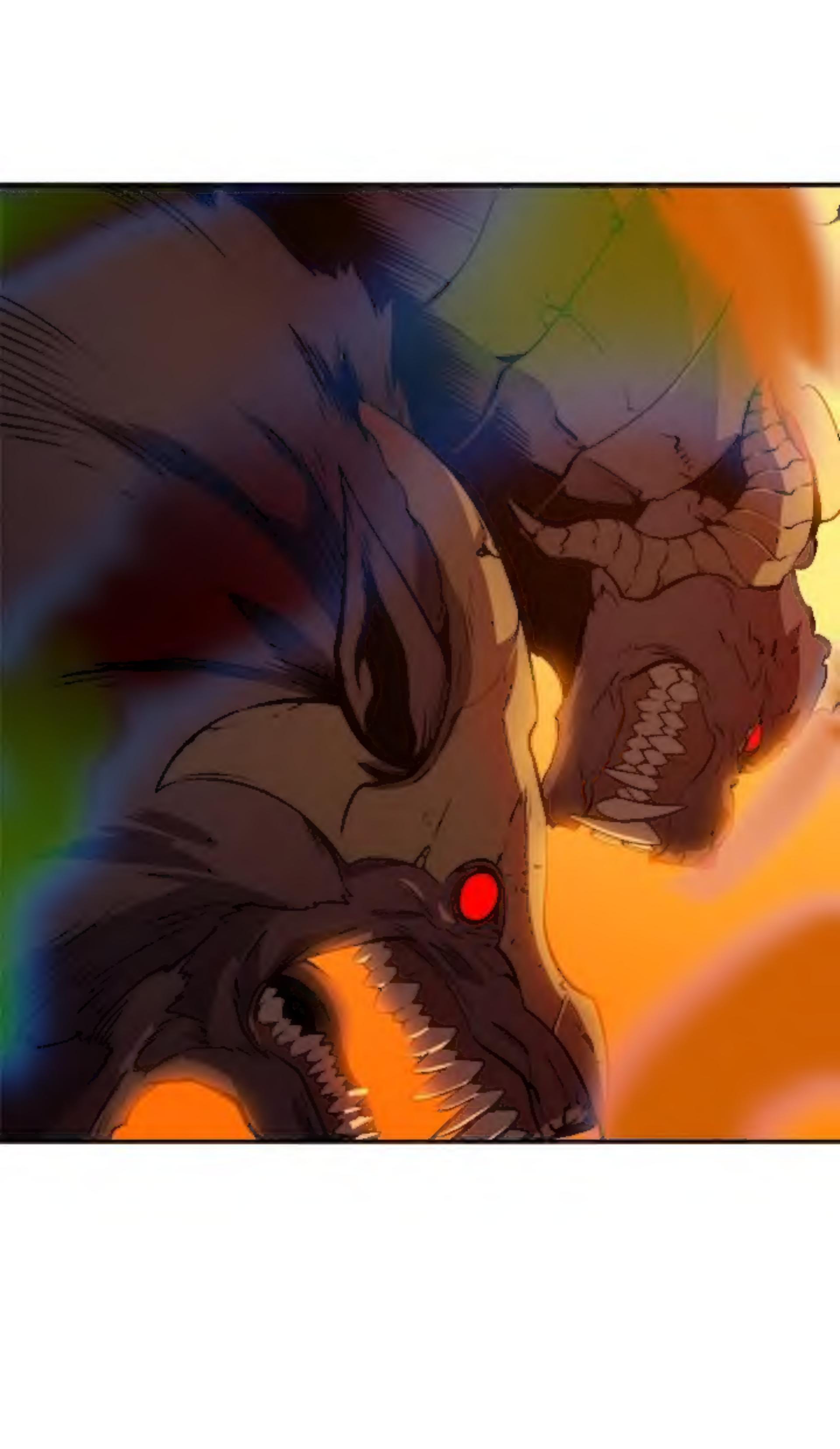
-[TITLE: WOLFASSASSIN] BUFFS
HAVE BEEN ACTIVATED.



① NOTICE

-(SKILL: SPEED) HAS BEEN ACTIVATED.
-YOUR SPEED HAS INCREASED BY 30%.
-1 MANA WILL BE CONSUMED EVERY
MINUTE WHILE THIS EFFECT IS IN USE.





④ NOTICE

[THE FOE'S RESISTANCE WAS TOO HIGH
THE EFFECT WAS CANCELLED.]



MY ATTACKS
WON'T WORK?



FROM A GROWTH
STANDPOINT, THIS IS
THE BEST OPPONENT
I COULD HAVE
ASKED FOR.

BUT MY ATTACKS
DON'T HAVE ANY
EFFECT.

I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M
STILL SO MUCH WEAKER
EVEN WHEN MY TITLE
BUFFS ARE IN EFFECT...

BEAST HUNTER

THIS TITLE IS GIVEN TO HUNTERS
WHO EXCEL AT HUNTING BEASTS.
ALL YOUR ABILITIES WILL NOW
INCREASE BY 40% WHEN FIGHTING
AGAINST BEAST-TYPE MONSTERS.

EVEN IF THIS DUNGEON
ISN'T S-RANK, THERE'S
NO DOUBT THAT IT'S
SOMEWHERE AROUND
THAT LEVEL.

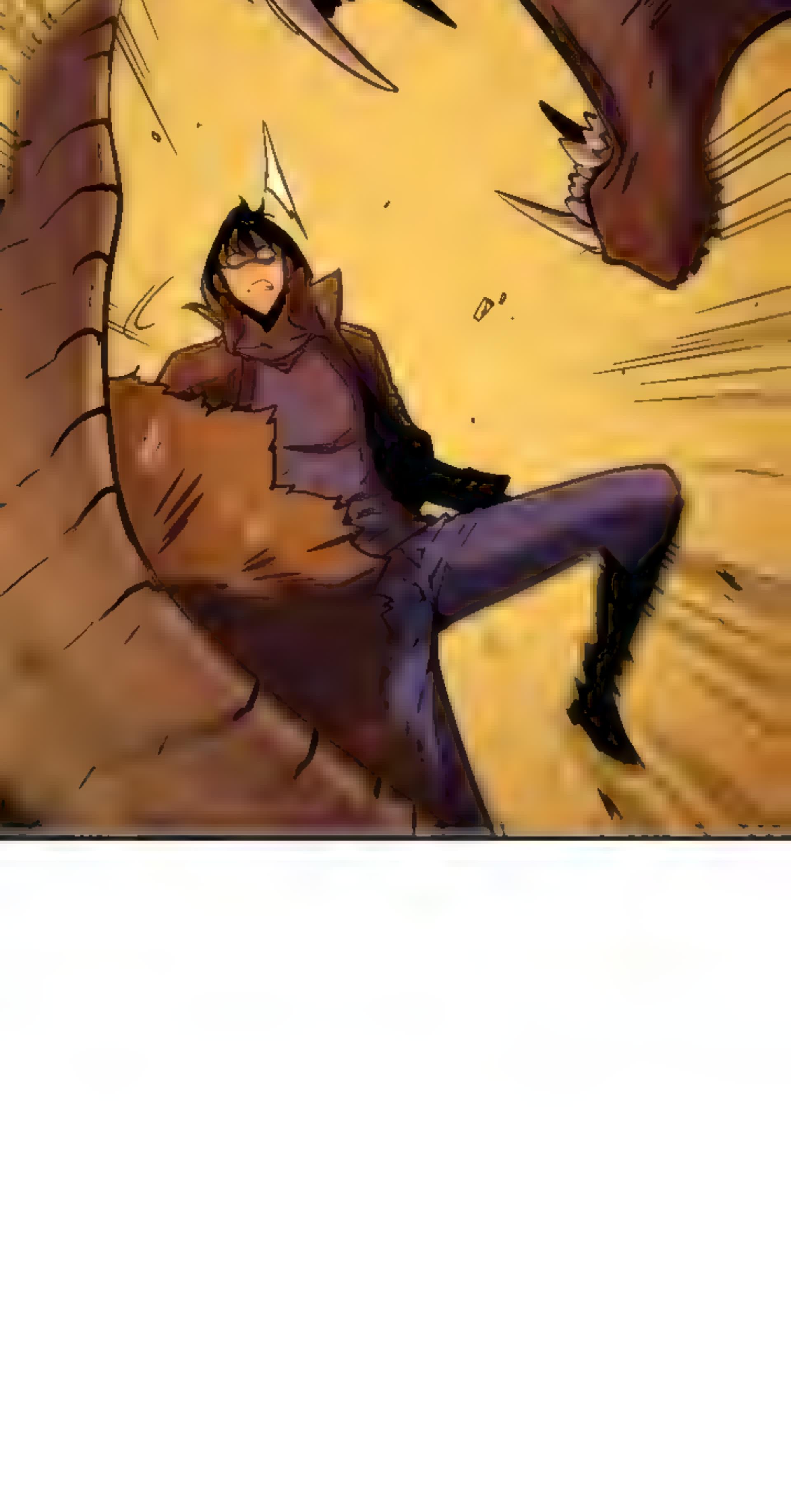
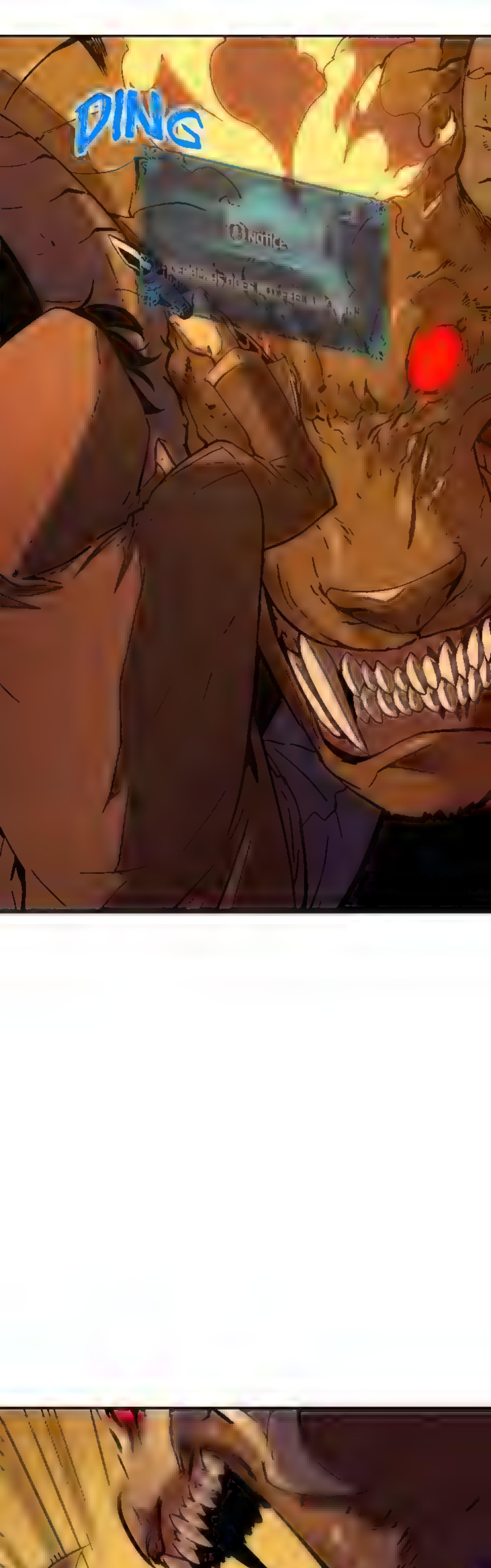
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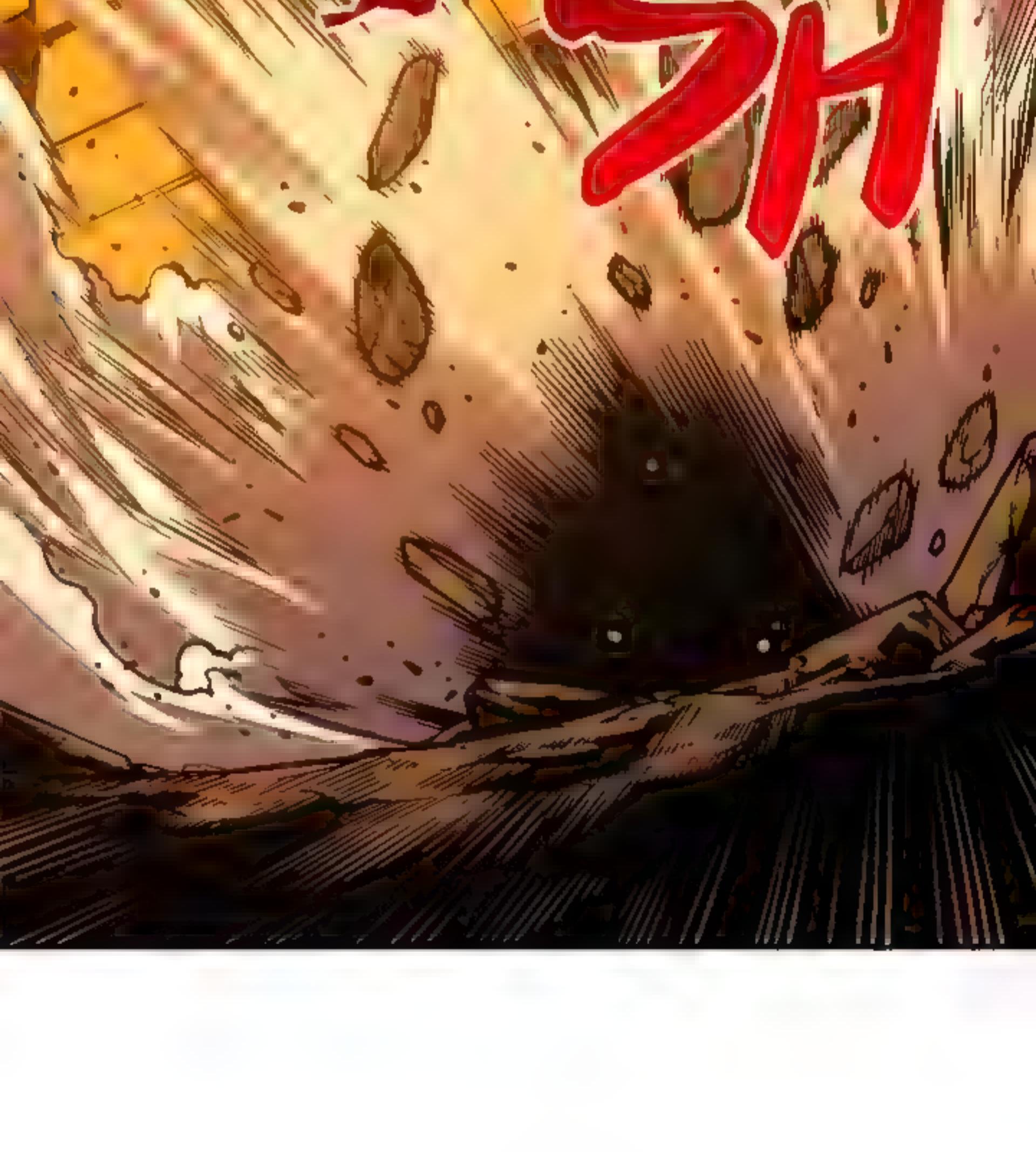
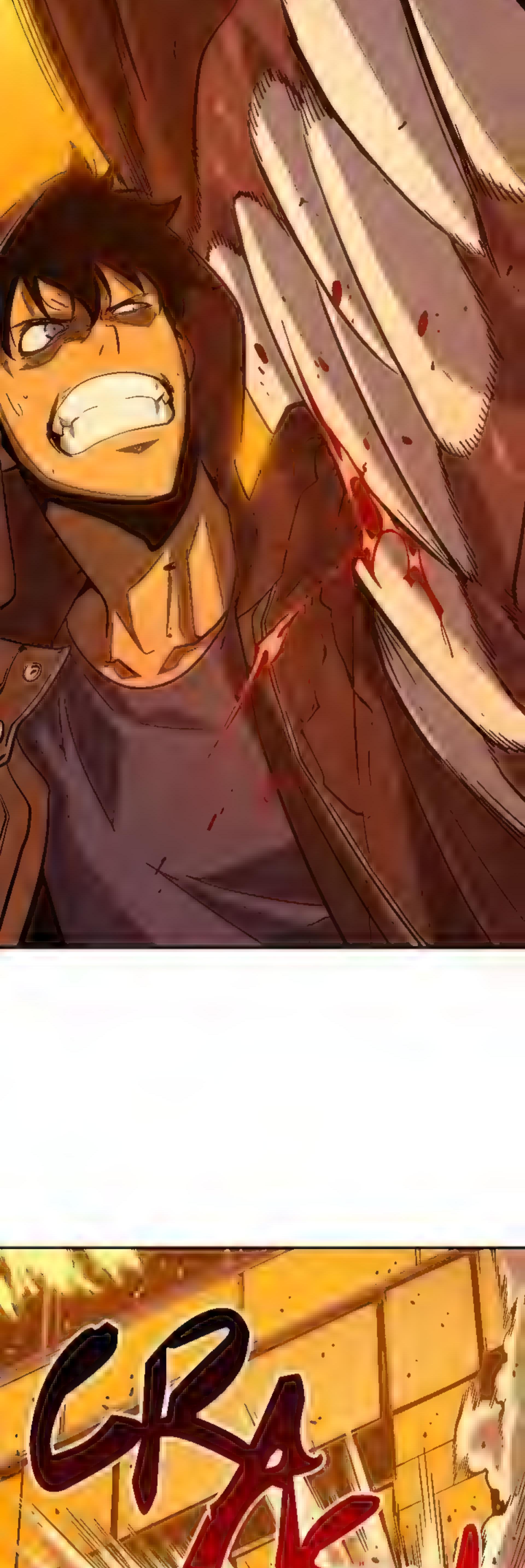




THE SYSTEM IS
TELLING ME OUR
DIFFERENCE IN
STRENGTH.

STOMP





URGH!

KHOFF

HEALTH: 726/3602

HEALTH: 1290/3602

HEALTH: 411/3602

MMPH!

THE WARNINGS

KEEP COMING.

NOTICE

SKILL "TENACITY" HAS BEEN ACTIVATED
BECAUSE YOUR HEALTH HAS FALLEN BELOW

DAMAGE TAKEN WILL BE REDUCED BY 50%

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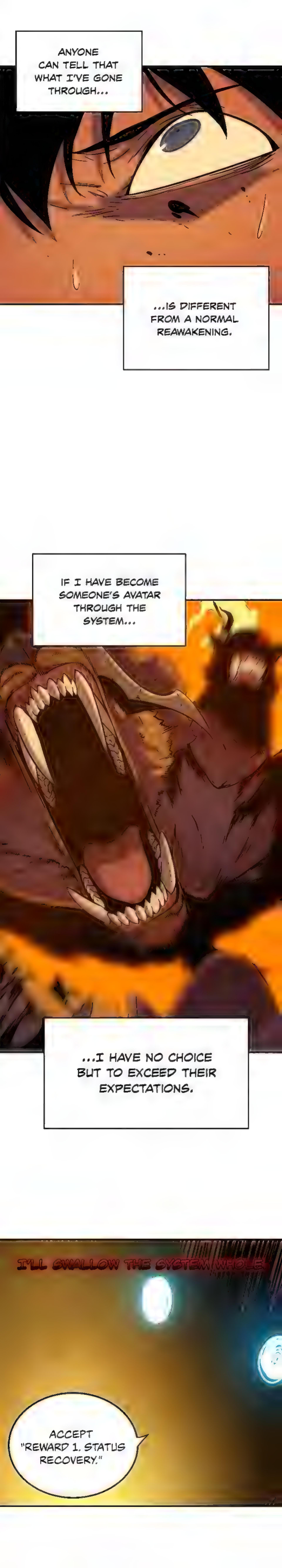
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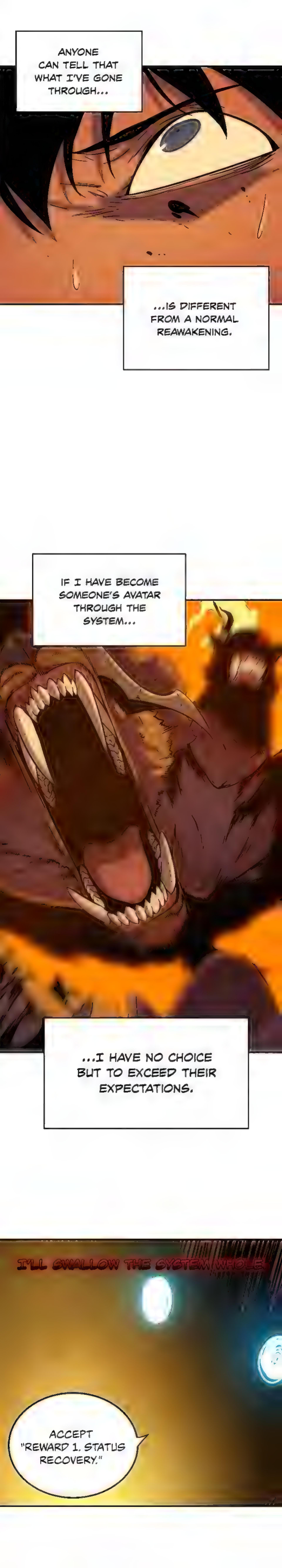
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ANYONE
CAN TELL THAT
WHAT I'VE GONE
THROUGH...

...IS DIFFERENT
FROM A NORMAL
REAWAKENING.

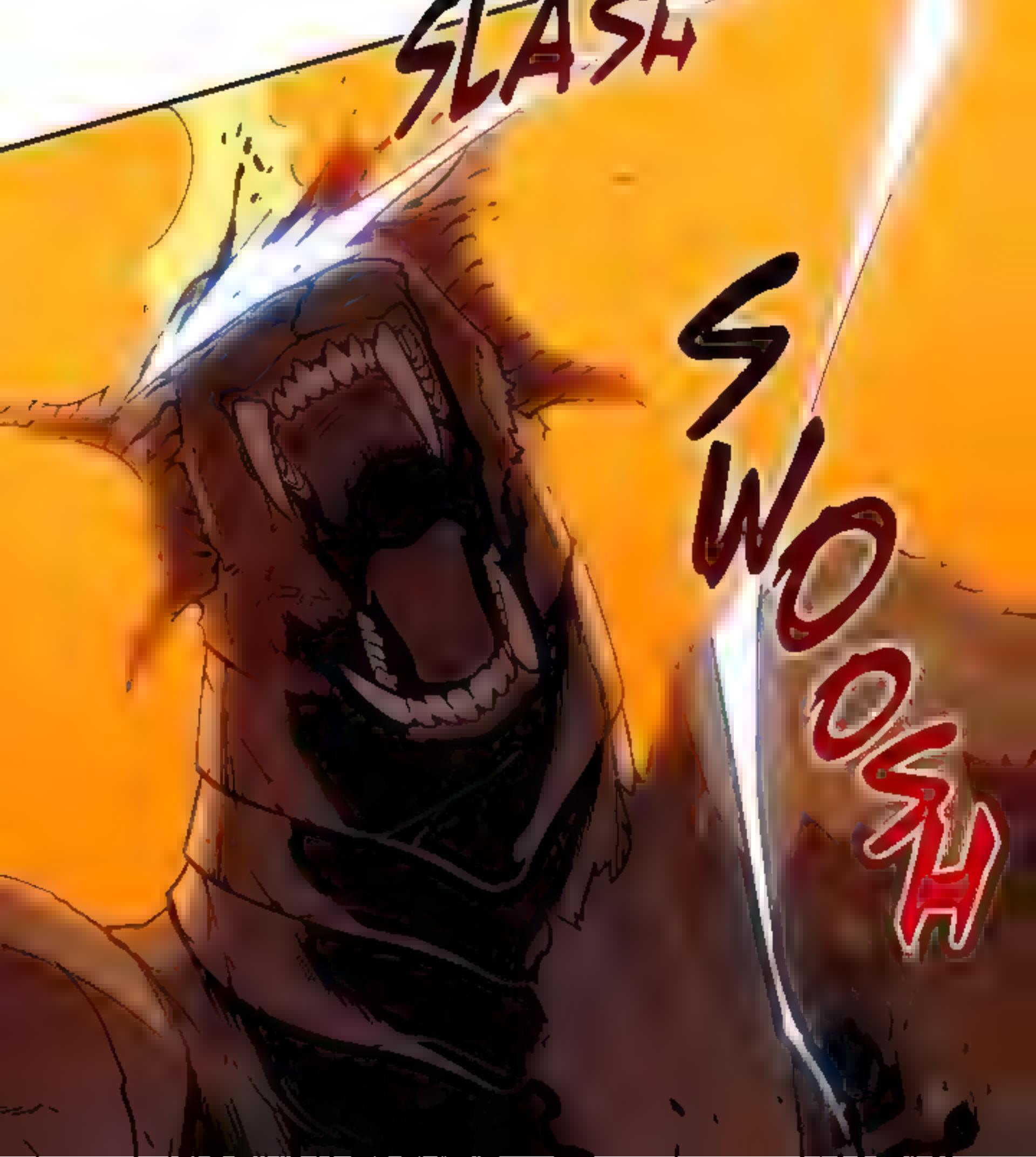
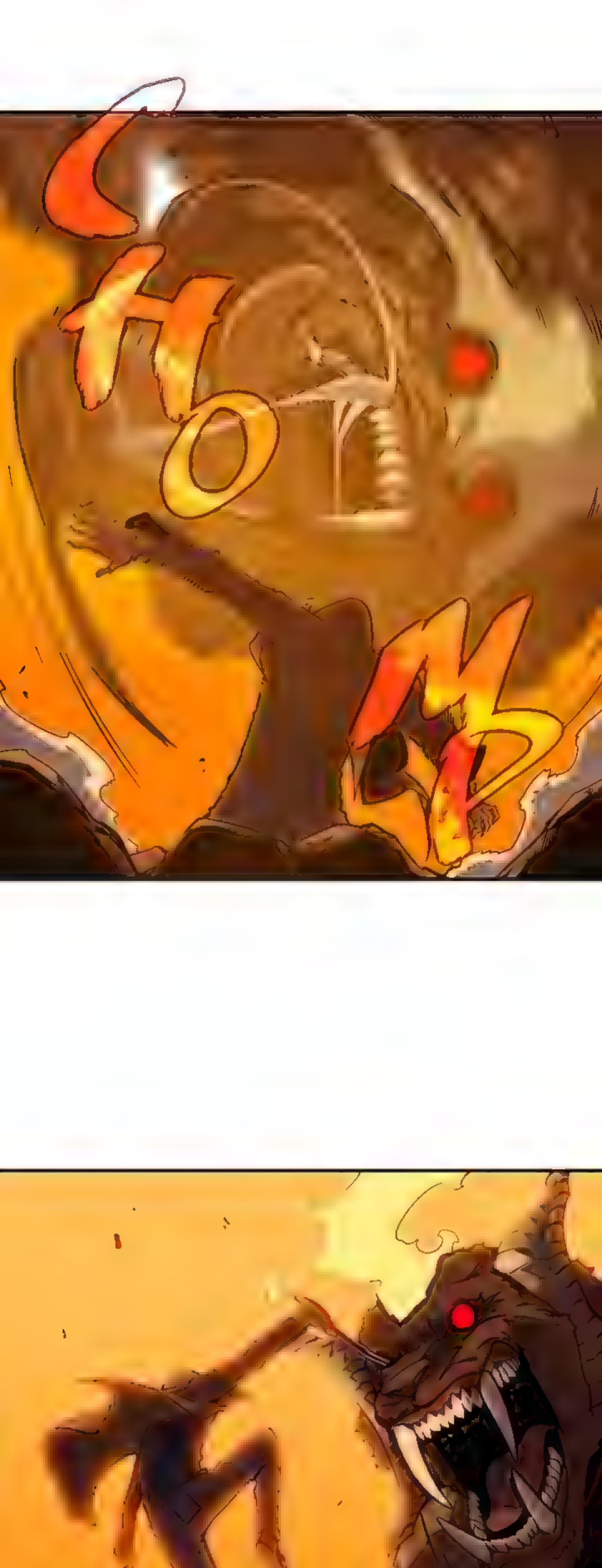


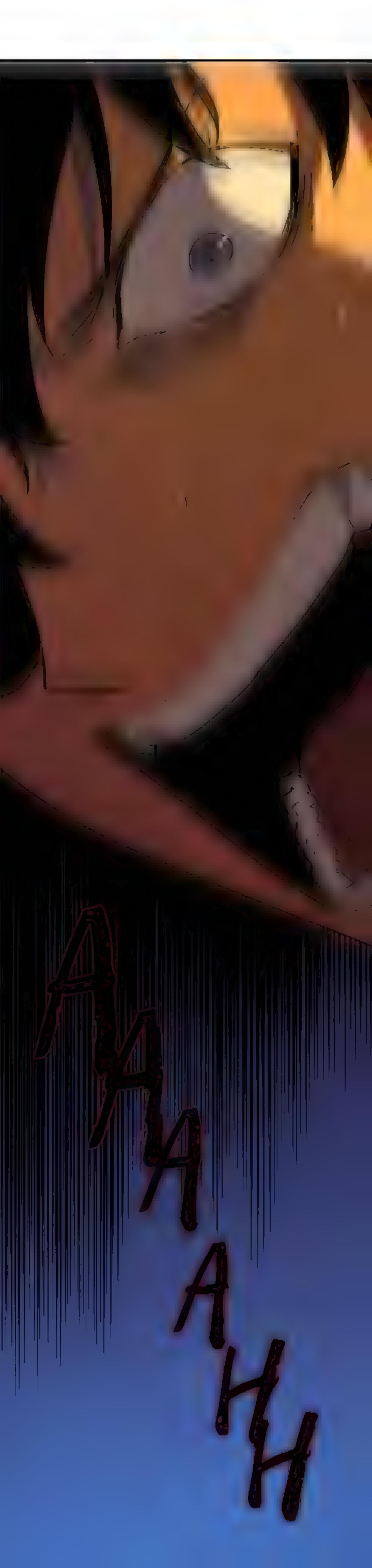
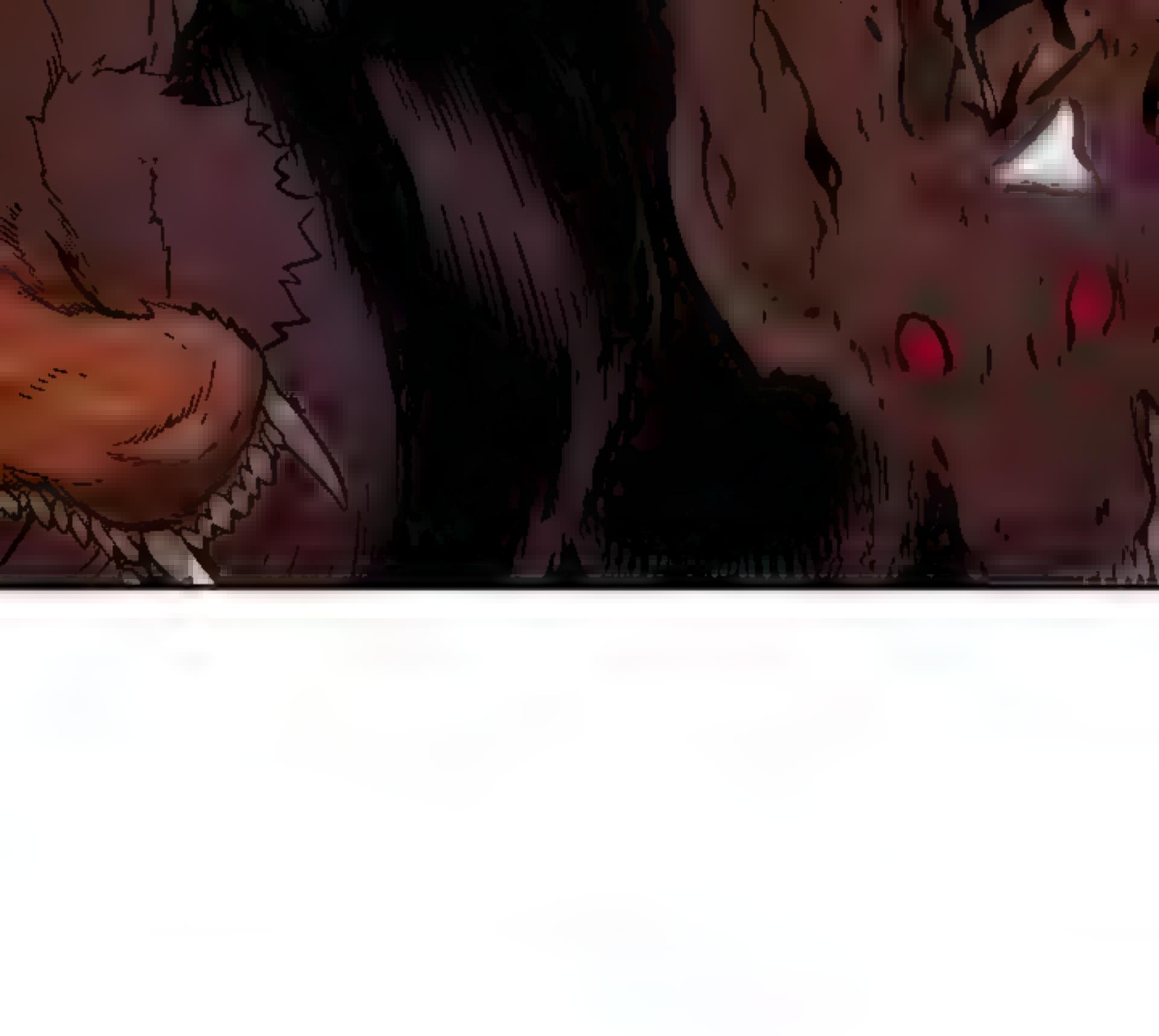
IF I HAVE BECOME
SOMEONE'S AVATAR
THROUGH THE
SYSTEM...

...I HAVE NO CHOICE
BUT TO EXCEED THEIR
EXPECTATIONS.

ACCEPT
"REWARD 1. STATUS
RECOVERY."

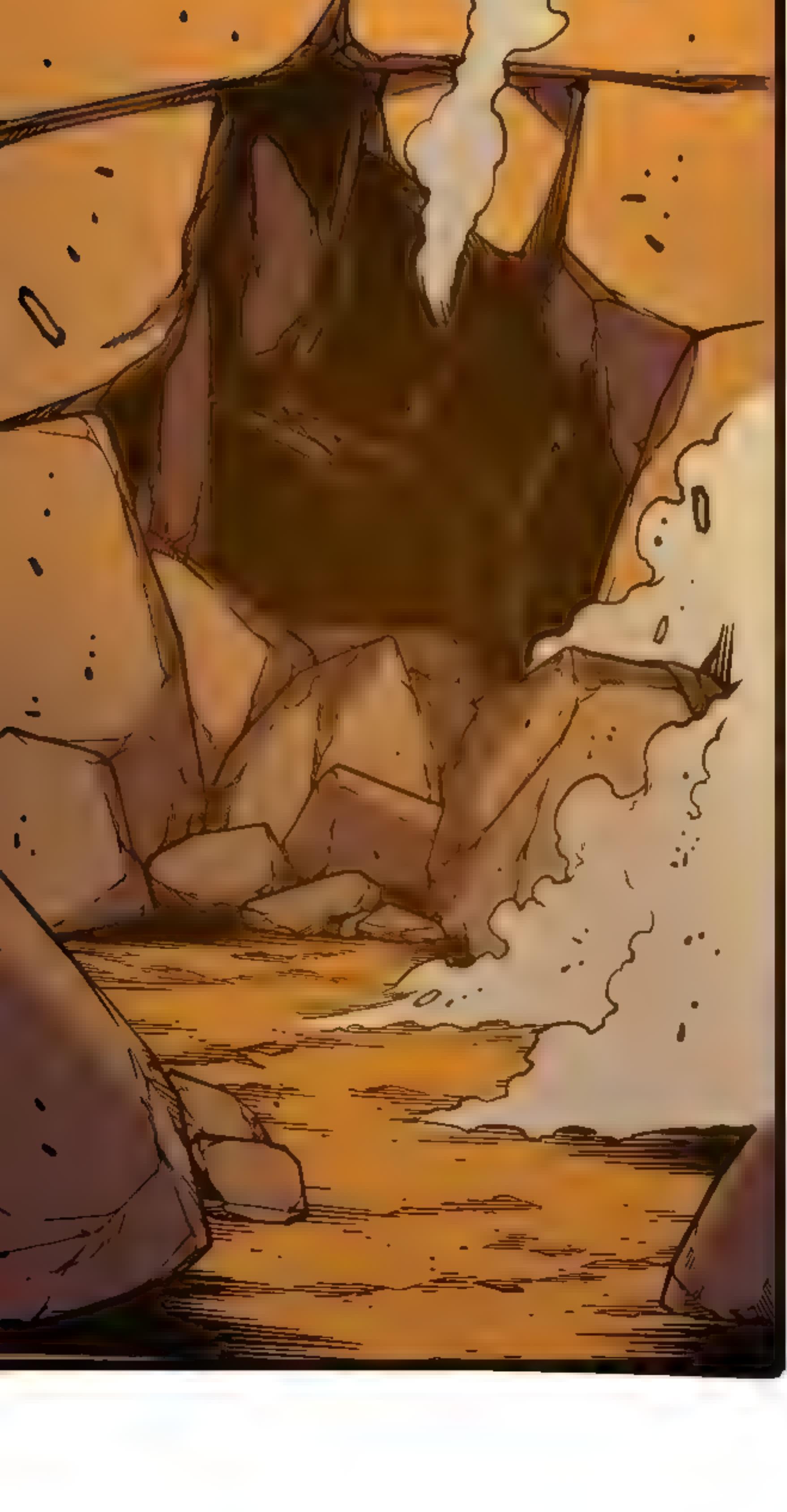
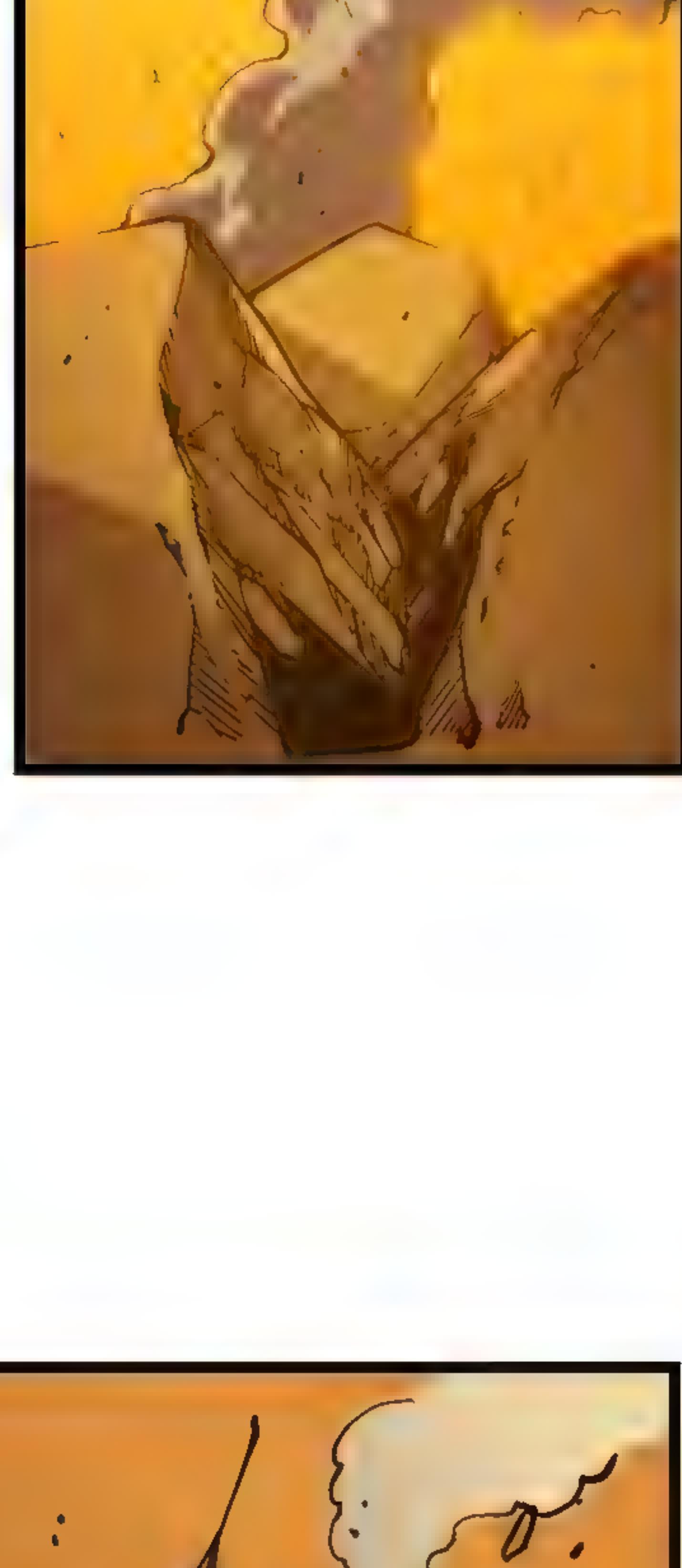






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! NOTICE

(YOU HAVE DEFEATED
THE C-TELEPHER OF HELL. CERBERUS.)

! NOTICE

(LEVEL UP!)

(LEVEL UP!)

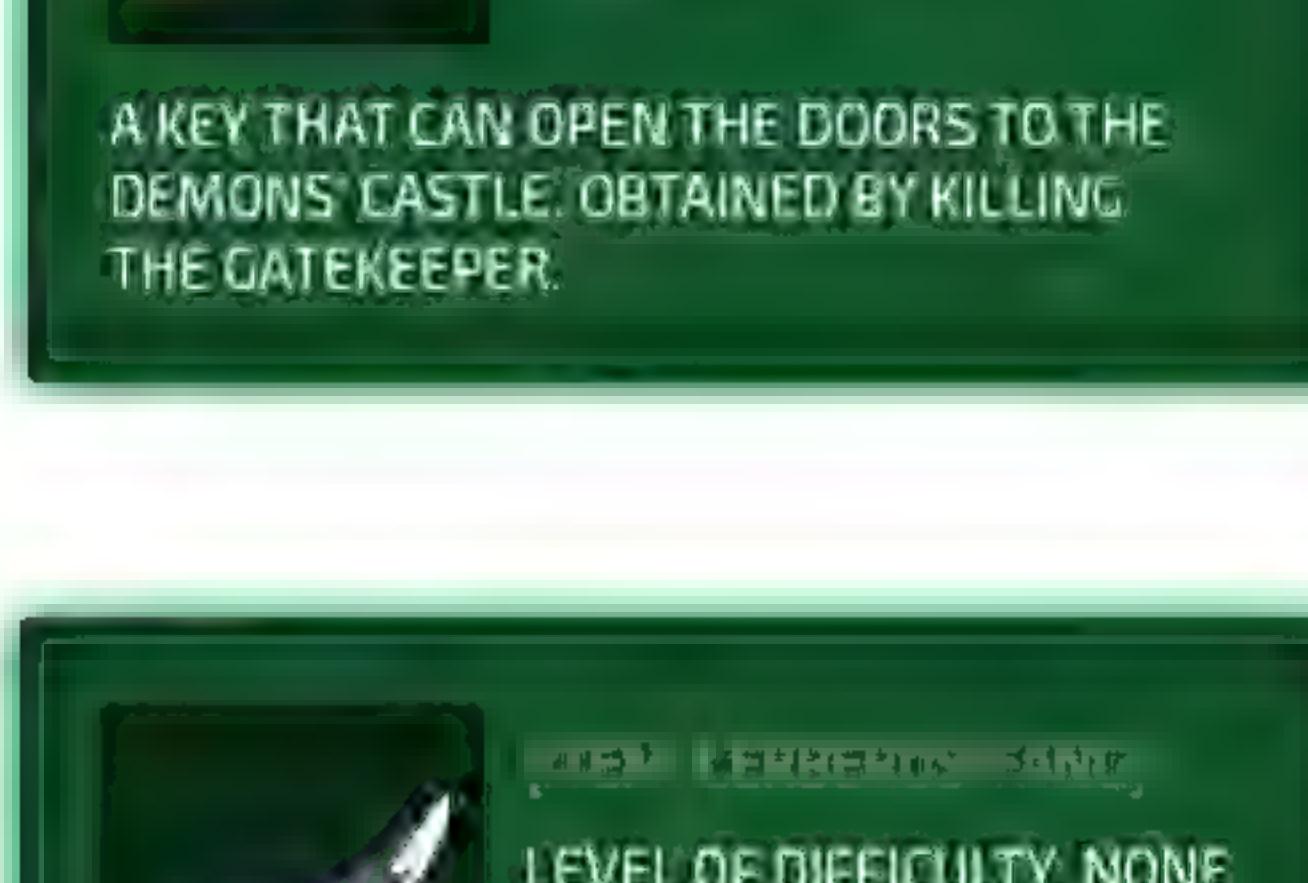
(LEVEL UP!)

(LEVEL UP!)

THANKS TO YOU,
I NOW KNOW HOW
STRONG I AM.

AT MY CURRENT
LEVEL, I'LL DIE
IF I OPEN THOSE
CASTLE DOORS.

I'LL COME
BACK AFTER
I'VE BECOME
STRONGER.



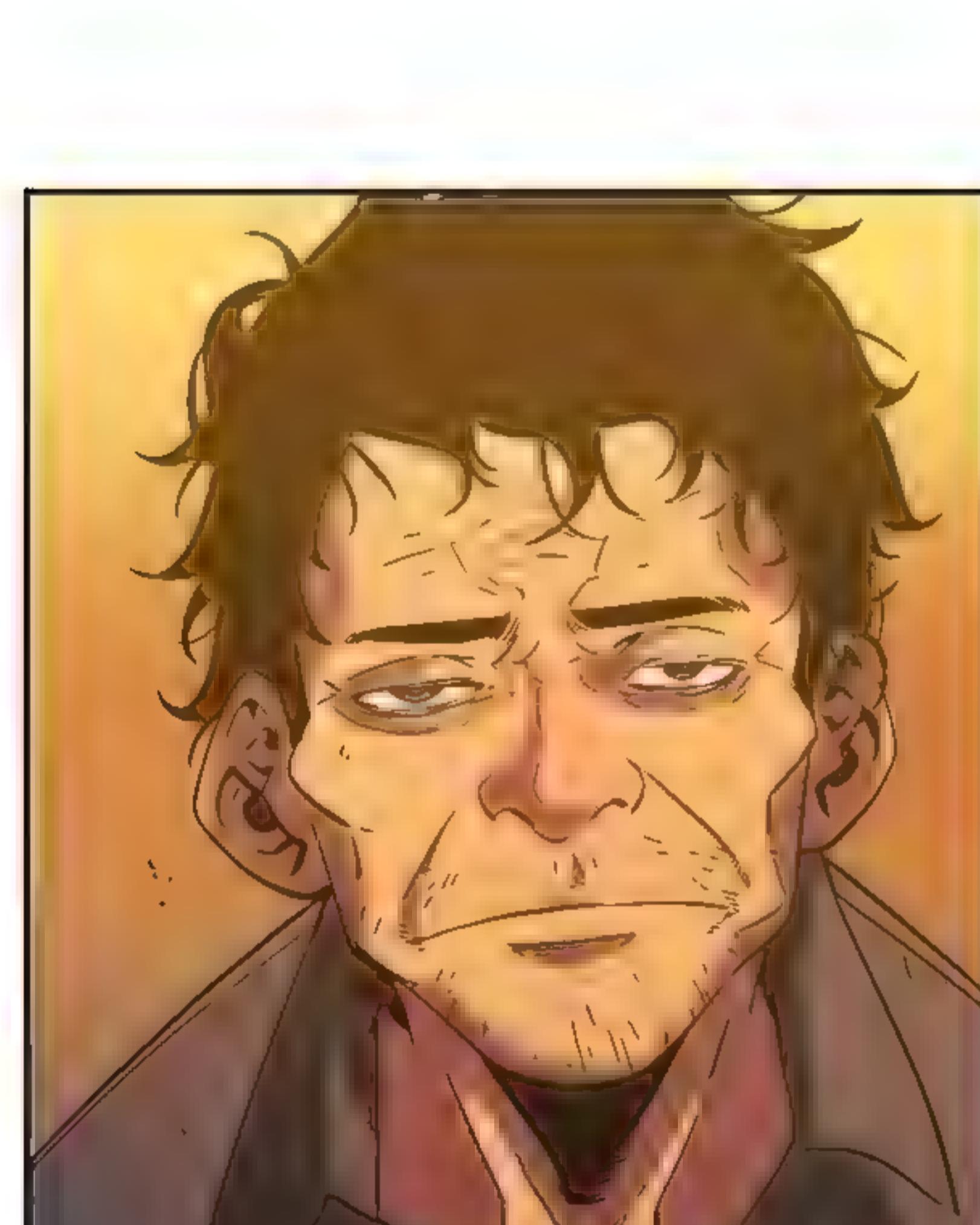
AGILITY +20 SENSE +20



A KEY THAT CAN OPEN THE DOORS TO THE DEMONS' CASTLE. OBTAINED BY KILLING THE GATEKEEPER.



A FANG THAT IS OBTAINED BY DEFEATING CERBERUS.



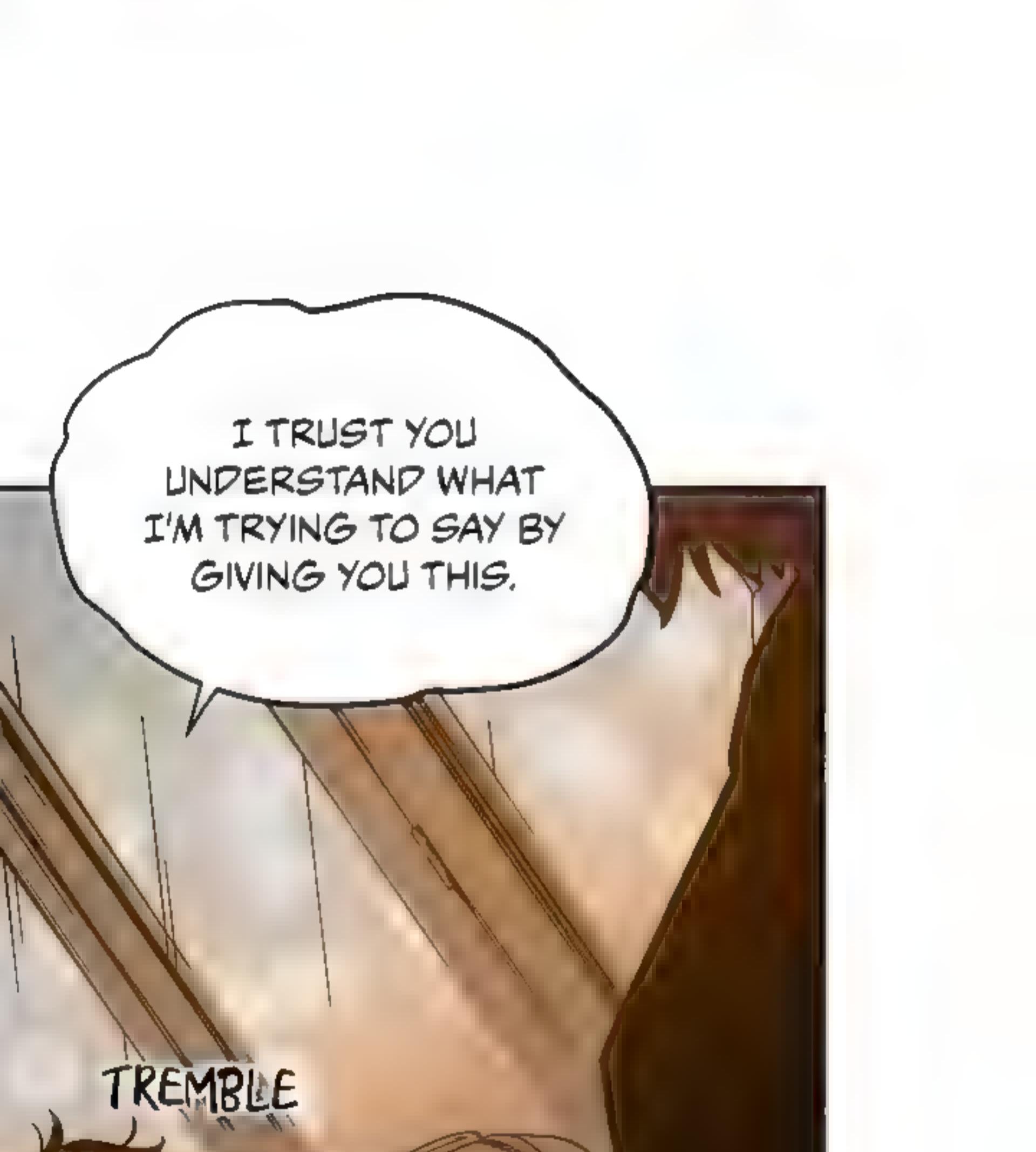




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HERE'S
TWO BILLION
WON.



I TRUST YOU
UNDERSTAND WHAT
I'M TRYING TO SAY BY
GIVING YOU THIS.

TREMBLE

BASTARDS FOR
ME...!

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

I'LL NEED ONE
BILLION MORE ON
TOP OF THIS TO TAKE
OUT THE OTHER
HUNTERS.

CAN YOU GET
THE MONEY?

ASKING ME TO SQUASH A COUPLE OF BUGS IS A PIECE OF CAKE.

BUT BUGS AREN'T

THE ONLY THINGS INSIDE THE DUNGEONS. THERE ARE ALSO OTHER HUNTERS.

TH...THAT MEANS!

B-RANKS ARE CONSIDERED HIGH-LEVEL HUNTERS, SO THEY'RE SOUGHT AFTER BY MAJOR GUILDS.

DO YOU KNOW WHY I DECIDED TO WORK FOR THE SURVEILLANCE TEAM AT THE HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION DESPITE THE BAD PAY?



**BECAUSE
I ENJOY KILLING
HUMANS WAY MORE
THAN KILLING
BEASTS.**

To Be Continued...

The logo for the webtoon "Solo Leveling". The word "Solo" is written in a large, ornate, black serif font. The letter "o" has a small, glowing orange and yellow eye-like shape in its center. Below "Solo", the word "Leveling" is written in a smaller, but also ornate, black serif font. A thin, dark ribbon or tail-like graphic sweeps from the end of the "o" in "Solo" down towards the end of the "g" in "Leveling".

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